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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a number of excellent events coming up in the summer period, and the Board really is hoping that these will meet with your approval and participation. It's time to put some miles on the Packards!

First, we have Cruisin' Grand on May 29. This will be very different this year – it's not planned as a major weekend event, just a nice get together. We are participating with the Classic Car Club and Pierce-Arrow. The plan is to meet at Stone Brewery by 4 pm and caravan down to Broadway and Main. No sign ups required, but please let one of the board members know if you are planning to participate.

The SoCal swap meet is June 14, at a new location at 100 S. Main St. in Santa Ana.

July 18 is our second caravan – the North County one in April hosted by Karl was a real winner. This time, it's Gary Wysong's opportunity to one up Karl with the South County Caravan. Gary briefed me on it recently and I think it will be fun.

August has two shows where we really would like to see a maximum participation. August 2 is the National City Car Show, and Packard is the featured marque. No excuses here – it's free to all Packards.

Then on August 22, there is an orphan car show in Balboa Park for Packard, Studebaker, and Pierce Arrow only. We sure don't want to be outnumbered! Participation is limited to the first 50 cars.

Thanks in advance for participating, hopefully in all these events.

And some good news – we have a new member, Fred Puhn. You will all get to know him and his Packard soon – if you want to know more about Fred and his Packard, I'm sure he will be pleased to see you at National City if not before – he is one of the organizers.

Todd

EVENT CALENDAR

May 29: Cruisin' Grand in Escondido
Jun 14: SoCal Swap Meet, 100 S. Main St. (Main & 1st St.), Santa Ana, 7AM-1PM
Jul 18: Coastal Caravan South – host Gary Wysong
Jul 23-26: PI National Tour to Warren, Ohio
Aug 2: Automobile Heritage Day Car Show, National City – host Gary Wysong
Aug 22: Balboa Park Orphan Car Show for Packard, Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow
Sep 13: Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo, joint function with SoCal Region
Oct 10: Shelter Island Picnic with Studebaker Club (tentative date)
Oct 17-18: Packard Grand Salon, Island Hotel, Fashion Island
Nov: TBA
TBD: San Diego Region Family Picnic
Dec: Holiday Party

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links to P.I. Chapters & P.I. National
Events

FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS



For Trade or Sale:

I have just acquired many Packard parts, some are: 1948 Parts: Front fenders, inner-fenders, springs, gas tank, front and rear bumpers (come with splash-guards & over-riders), wheels and rear window (all good); hood (fair); 1947 Hood (good); 1940 110 (4-dr) with no engine, rear fenders or trunk lid. (Street rod project?) I need back-up parts for my 1951 200 & 1953 8 Pass Executive. Bob Huntoon
858-344-6535
robert.huntoon@gmail.com

'46 Clipper Deluxe Sedan
Rebuilt 288 engine, new wiring harness, looks & runs good, no rust.
\$10,000 Duane Gunn 480-917-2111

For Sale:

4 fenders for a senior '36, Right front not in good condition, but other 3 easily prepped for paint/install.
Call Rick Hagen
619-401-3027
R_Hagen@cox.net

For P.I. – San Diego Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale? To place an ad in our newsletter, email Gary Wysong at gwysong@cox.net or call 619-267-8879.

If you have an email address at home or work, but get your newsletter by regular mail, email Gary Wysong to be placed on our email list.

'29 633 Victoria Coupe, complete & drivable,
\$22,500 David Keith, Sun City, AZ
623-974-6459

I have 5 large storage bins full of 1955-56 Packard parts. Fenders, hoods, ext. trim, gas tanks; enough body parts for a front end. Brake parts, engine and engine electrical, air-cond compressor, water pumps, power steering, distributors, tune-up items. Many interior items, seat frames, door panels, radios, dashes, gauges, ash trays, door handles, light switches, wing windows and frames, steering wheels and columns. One flat head and one straight eight cylinder engine block, head, rods, pistons, crank, also a V-8 Packard engine. Lots of headlights, brackets, tail lamps, bulbs, wiring, etc. A few automatic transmissions, extra parts, valve bodies, etc. Plus and including a complete car, a '56 Packard Patricia, 4-door sedan with a perfect front windshield. It is not possible for me to sell these items individually, it must go in one lot. PLEASE MAKE ME AN OFFER I CAN'T REFUSE! All offers will be respected and considered. URGENCY IS OF THE MOST IMPORTANCE. PLEASE SAVE THESE PARTS FROM BECOMING SCRAP METAL SOON. Location: North of Sacramento

Contact: 530-674-7186 or skullsr@att.net

San Diego Automotive Museum needs Volunteers

"We need dedicated men and women to assist us as docents, restoration workers, library assistants and automotive detailers".

Join a fun team of people who enjoy the culture of automobiles and the culture of Balboa Park. No experience necessary! We will train!

If you have any questions, call 619-231-2886 x2238.

Members: Your Board needs your Recommended Services/Parts persons or firms that you have had favorable dealings with during restoration and preservation of your Packards. Please send person/firm (name/address/phone number) to Mark Burnside at markburnside@cox.net where he will post this on our updated website. We are also accumulating a list to publish for your use – Karl Ramsing

'51 Packard 300, runs great, drive home, Mike Blair 480-354-3877
Mesa, AZ

Losing garage space, must sell:
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'56 Clipper Deluxe (not complete)
'57 "57L-P8 Clipper

Donald Smith, 619-281-4733
3510 33rd St., San Diego, CA 92104

A box of Packard parts was donated to the club by new member, Dave Baker. Here is an edited summary of Mark Rothermich's description: '51 & '52, 2 sets of front bumper guards, rusty; 3 tail light housings, 416314; 3 wheel covers for '48, '49 or '50; 4 wheel covers for a '54 Panama, good condition; 2 wheel covers for a '51 or '52 Packard. Reasonable cost for San Diego Region members. Email gwysong@cox.net to receive a "forward" of the original email with detailed descriptions and photos.

Contact Paul Santy pjsanty@sbcglobal.net to purchase any of these parts

Check these two websites for Packard Information:
Packardinfo.com yesterdays-cars.com/Packard_clubs.htm

Buy Packard parts at the packardsandiego.org website

Have you done any work on your Packard?
Send Gary Wysong a note about any improvements you have made.

From a '47 Packard Custom Super Touring Sedan:
2 front brakes, complete, with fresh linings, cylinders and drums cleaned. Asking \$300
FOB Oceanside, CA, Jerry Coburn, 760-639-2924

1948 Packard for sale
Contact Darrell Quessenberry
San Diego
at 858-279-7689

Seventy Years Young

by Brian Wagner

The Year was 1939. The New York World's Fair was in full swing. Over 45 million people would end up viewing the Fair's highlight exhibit, Futurama, a vision of transportation in 1960. In 1939, Raymond Chandler published *The Big Sleep* and Ernest Hemingway penned *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* while Judy Garland sang Glenn Miller's *Over the Rainbow* and Frank Sinatra joined the Harry James orchestra. The year is often considered by movie historians as the greatest year in film history. The two top grossing films were *Gone with the Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

On September 30, the 4,869th of 28,158 1940 Packard One Twenties left the East Grand Avenue factory in Detroit and traveled to Packard Norfolk, Inc. in Virginia. It helped make the 1940 Packard line the second best sales year in its history at 98,000 cars. The car was bought new for \$1239 by Frank Watkins who was stationed in the Navy at Norfolk. He was transferred shortly thereafter to San Diego and the car was used as a family car in the Point Loma area for thirty three years until it was lovingly acquired by Joe Whitaker in 1972, one of the founders of the San Diego Packards Club. (Recounted Joe: "Myself and another guy by the name of Steve Cullen, he had a '36 and I was driving around here in San Diego one day and he came up beside me and hollered and asked me if I wanted to start a club, so that is how it got started here in San Diego.")

"My favorite of all the Packards was the '40. I had always liked Packards as a kid and thought the style of the 1940 was very distinctive and above everything else. I had known the car for a long time since Frank and I were in the Navy together. We casually talked one time how I would like to own it. He retired as a captain from the Navy. He went his way, and I went mine and than one Sunday he called and asked if I wanted to buy it. He wanted \$600 for it and I could not pass it up."

Joe ended up owning five Packards: the 1940 120, a 1948 Custom Eight, a 1956 Executive, a 1951 300 and a 1954 Clipper. The 1940 120 was his favorite. "It just drove so well and cruised along so easy. My wife Pauline went on every trip we took. (The Packard's license plate was "JCW PW") We both were working at the time and we always timed our vacations so we could go on the national tours – we went on almost every one. I have driven the 120 back to my home in Texarkana, Texas a number of times, did a Northern California national tour with it, plus the Bicentennial Celebration in San Antonio. Took it to Indianapolis and ran it on the Indy 500 track. The San Antonio tour was the longest – 3,100 miles. I drove it in 117 degree heat and never had any problems. The car never broke down on a tour."

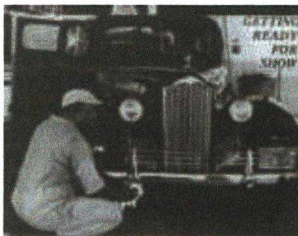
Joe enjoyed taking good care of all of his Packards and using them for their intended purpose – traveling on the open road. For many years from 1976 on, Joe and Pauline never missed a National tour or an All-Cal tour. In 1980, they were the only people to go from the Mexican border to Canada for the Three Nations Grand Tour and in 1982 they were the only people to attend both National Tours – East and West. His cars were no trailer queens. "I like to see an old car well kept and preserved as is. I wanted my cars to be mechanically sound, and that is where I put my money. We went to all these places and a lot of the time it was the shiniest cars that were breaking down. The engine and transmission on the '40 120 was rebuilt. I did the brakes, redid the front seat, new rear axles, but the car has never been repainted. The radiator is original. No dents and a lot of the chrome is still original. I just enjoyed the car like it was."

Along the way, Joe sold all of his Packards except the 1940 120. As he approached his 80th birthday, it came time for his last Packard to leave home.

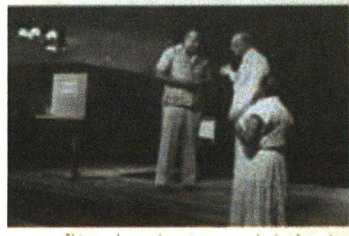
"I guess I am a pretty practical person. I thought about it for a long time and knew the day was coming. But you cannot but help to be sentimental about something you have had so long."

After thirty six years, Joe sold the car to the author last year. As the third person to have the 120 in his garage, I realize you do not own cars like this. You are the custodian of its history.

One of the main components of the 1939 World's Fair Futurama was its vision of an automated highway system in 1960. Radio controlled cars would travel on four lanes travelling at 50 miles per hour, two at 75 and two at 100. Thank goodness this vision has not come to pass. We like our cars. They expand our horizons and become vehicles of adventure and freedom. We like being behind the wheel, on the road, especially in cars that are seventy years old with a young soul that still likes to explore. Thanks to Mark Rothermich for his help in researching this article.



Joe polishing for a National Tour



President Trophy, 1982 Durango, CO



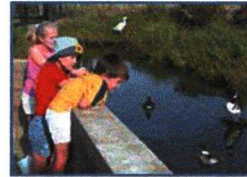
Views of the car as it appears today

COASTAL CARAVAN SOUTH – SATURDAY JULY 18



Our meeting place will be at 10:00 a.m. at the **Chula Vista Nature Center** parking lot, found by taking the E Street exit on Interstate 5 South. Make a right turn into the free parking lot at the end of the E Street Exit. Activities for the day include: a 1½ hour self-guided tour of the **Chula Vista Nature Center**, lunch at **Anthony's Fish Grotto** (directly across the street from our free parking lot), caravan south to view the **South Bay Salt Works**, drive on the **Silver Strand Highway**, drive along the **Coronado Yacht Club** and **Coronado Golf Course** and finish the tour with a spectacular drive across the **Coronado Bridge**.

The Chula Vista Nature Center is located on Gunpowder Point, where an explosive used in fuses, Cordite, was manufactured during World War One from the chemicals acetone and potash extracted from kelp. The remains of those buildings are gone, but the CVNC received an Orchid Award for building design in 1988 and was accredited by the American Association of Museums in 1992. The site is now located in the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.



Some of the features of the CVNC are a Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Exhibit, Shark & Ray Experience, Green Sea Turtle Lagoon, Bay Zone – Jellyfish Exhibit, Shorebird Aviary, Raptor Row Exhibit, Burrowing Owl Aviary, Rainbow Trout Exhibit, Marsh Zone Exhibit, Clapper Rail breeding and release program, and Nature Trails near the bay. Hopefully, something of interest for everyone.

Prices (Including shuttle bus): Adults \$6.00 (18-54), Seniors \$5.00 (55+), Juniors \$4.00 (12-17), Children \$3.00 (4-11), under 4 Free.

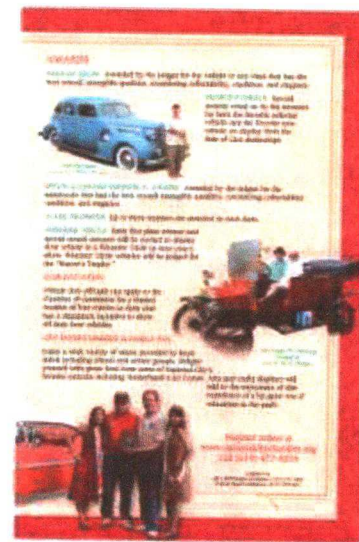
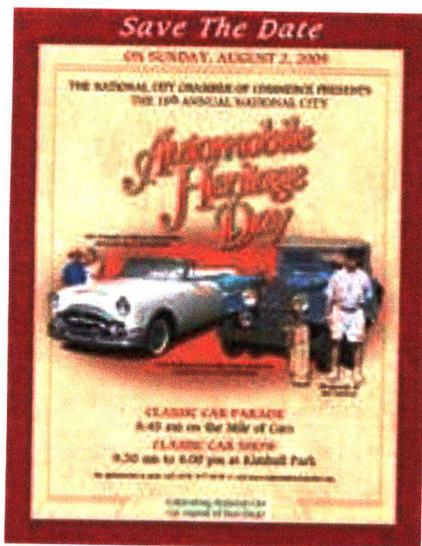
After our tour of the CVNC, we'll take our ½ mile shuttle bus back to the parking lot, and walk (or drive) across the street to Anthony's Fish Grotto for lunch at about noon. This is your opportunity to view sea creatures in the morning and enjoy others for lunch, either in the Anthony's aquarium or from the menu.

After lunch, a caravan will proceed south with a brief stop to view the salt mounds at the South Bay Salt works, where 75,00 tons of sea salt are harvested annually.

We will briefly enter Interstate 5 South, remain in the right lane and turn into Imperial Beach for our run up the Silver Strand Highway. The caravan will conclude after we make our spectacular crossing of the Coronado Bridge, where we will part ways with an onramp to either Interstate 5 North or South.

No R.S.V.P. necessary, attend all or part of the activities if you can.

Tour Leader – Gary Wysong



National City Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Automobile Heritage Day

Save the Date! Packard is the featured marque at the Sunday August 2, 2009 Car Show

Please plan to show your Packard and participate in this south San Diego County event

Car collections, automotive enthusiasts, community members, business owners and National City's annual visitors will gather for this annual event. The event is free to the public and will kick off with a parade starting at Mary J's Café on Cleveland Avenue and 20th Street and will end at Kimball Park behind City Hall on National City Boulevard and Civic Center Drive. The car show will be held on the grass at Kimball Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will feature over 200 unique and highly prized antiques, classics, collector cars, trucks and other vehicles.

The National City Chamber of Commerce will provide prizes, entertainment and booths by local vendors and community groups. Car show winners will be selected through a competitive ranking system by experienced car show judges. Bring your tool kits, accessories, photos, brochures and a fire extinguish-er.

Trophies will be awarded for each vehicle class. Awards include "Best of Show", "People's Choice", "Mitch Guarano Memorial Award", "Class Trophies" and "Winners Circle". Trophy winners drive to a trophy presentation at 3:00 p.m. and receive their prize while seated in their car. You may opt out of the judging and bring your car for "display" only.

All Packards at the show will be parked together, don't miss this opportunity to show our beautiful automobiles to other collector car owners and the general public in south San Diego County.

It is **FREE** to register your Packard for this event.

We will plan a caravan for north San Diego owners to drive and arrive together. Lunch for the day of the event will be planned at a later date, suggestions are: potluck or use the on-site vendors.

To register online: go to www.nationalcitychamber.org/

Click on the photo like the one at the top left of this flyer, look for the Event/Brochure Application on page 8.

For regular mail registration: fill out the application on the next page in the newsletter.

DAY APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (For entry confirmation): _____

VEHICLE (MAKE): _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

REQUESTED CLASS: _____ CLUB: _____

☐ FACTORY STOCK** ☐ MODIFIED (Check one box)

IS THIS VEHICLE UNRESTORED? (Never repainted or reupholstered). ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please check the appropriate box. Please enter my vehicle in:

☐ PARADE ONLY 8:00 am: 20th St. at Cleveland
☐ SHOW ONLY 9:00 am at Kimball Park
☐ PARADE AND SHOW 8:00 am 20th St. at Cleveland

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 BY JULY 15, \$30.00 AFTER ☐ ACTIVE MILITARY, NO ENTRY FEE
(Vehicles must be in place by 10:00 am in order to be judged for trophies).

For detailed entry and class information please call Fred Puhn, Entry Chairman, at (619) 475-1155.

Entries confirmed by Email or by phone at (619) 477-9339

Class-please check one:

FACTORY STOCK CLASSES**

A. Cars, factory stock

(not fitting in classes B through H)

☐ A-1 (1931 & older)

☐ A-2 (1932-1956)

☐ A-3 (1957-1966)

☐ A-4 (1967-1979)

☐ B. Buick Rivieras

☐ C.* Classics (except Packards, must be on the CCCA list)

☐ D. Sports Cars, foreign

☐ E. Sports Cars, American

☐ F.* Featured Marque, Packard

☐ G. Mercedes

☐ H. Microcars

☐ I. Trucks

☐ J. Motorcycles, factory stock

MODIFIED CLASSES

☐ K.* Race Cars

☐ L. Low Riders

☐ M. Motorcycles, modified

N. Street Rod cars and trucks

☐ N-1 (1945 & older)

☐ N-2 (1946-1979)

O. Performance Modified

☐ O-1 (1948 & older)

☐ O-2 (1949-1958)

☐ O-3 (1959-1979)

OFFICE USE ONLY. DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

ASSIGNED ENTRY NO. _____

CLASS _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

No entry fee required for any active duty military

* No entry fee required for vehicles in this class

** No entry fee required for Factory Stock vehicles 1945 or older

EVENT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

\$12.00 EACH IN ADVANCE (Order on or before July 15) \$15.00 EACH DAY OF EVENT

Please indicate size and quantity: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Registration is available online at:
www.nationalcitychamber.org

SAVE THE DATE!

The San Diego Chapter of the
Studebaker Driver's Club presents its
First Annual Cool Classic Car Show.

August 22, 2009



Location: Behind the San Diego Automotive Museum in beautiful Balboa Park.

Open to the first 50 Studebakers, Packards and Pierce-Arrows ONLY.

\$15.00 registration fee (includes free pass to museum)

\$15 swap space (limited to first 4 vendors)

Schedule of events:

8-9:30 - Registration and pictures (coffee and pastries available)

11:30-1:30 Stude Café open for lunch

9:30-1:00 People's Choice judging, prizes, 50-50

2:00 Awards ceremony - Prizes distributed by Miss Studebaker

3:00 - Time to go home

Because of limited parking, once your car is parked you may not be able to leave until the conclusion of the show.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Registration form on the back

Registration for San Diego Studebaker Club's
1ST Annual Cool Classic Car Show - August 22, 2009

Print Name: _____

Last

First

Phone #

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

Club: _____

Car: _____

Year

Make

Registration fee: @ \$15.00

Swap space @ \$15.00

Total

Please make checks out to San Diego Chapter SDC and mail with completed registration to:

Bob Buchaklian

5055 Walter Ave.

San Diego, CA 92120

For info: call Bob Halgren 619-697-6971 or bobhalgren@hotmail.com

Liability Release: All entrants and participants hereby release and discharge the Studebaker Drivers Club from any known or unknown damages, injuries or claims that may occur on the way to, during the event or leaving the Cool Classic Car Show.

MUST BE SIGNED

Date: _____

Signature: _____